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### **FEMA Accepting Youth Preparedness Council Applications**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is accepting applications for members to join their Youth Preparedness Council.

The Youth Preparedness Council, formed in 2012, engages members in local and national emergency preparedness projects. Over the course of a two-year term, members represent the youth perspective on emergency preparedness and share information with their communities. They also meet with FEMA on a regular basis to provide ongoing input strategies, initiatives, and projects throughout the duration of their term.

Youth across the Nation have the opportunity to make a difference and transform the resilience and preparedness of their communities and beyond. Each applicant must be a current 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup> grade, who have either:

- Participated in community activities;
- Served in a leadership role;
- Lived through a disaster and shared his or her experiences; and/or
- Participated in a preparedness activity or training related to emergency preparedness.

To submit an application, visit the application website at <https://community.fema.gov/applytoYPC>.

**The application period closes March 6, 2022.**

“The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) encourage all qualified students 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade to apply for the amazing opportunity,” said Jaimie Franquez, GHS/OCD Whole Community Preparedness Program Manager. “Guam was previously represented when a young lady from our community, Ms. Kiahna Espia, served as a council member for the region from 2016-2017. If selected, members have an opportunity to make a difference for the community by completing disaster preparedness projects not only locally, but nationally as well.”

For more information, contact GHS/OCD Whole Community Preparedness Program Manager Jaimie Franquez at (671) 688-0438 or via email at [jaimie.franquez@ghs.guam.gov](mailto:jaimie.franquez@ghs.guam.gov) or visit the Youth Preparedness Council website at <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/individuals-communities/youth-preparedness-council>.

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